

Surgold Holds Public Consultation Meetings on Proposed Gold Mining Project

Surgold is holding open public consultation meetings to provide information and solicit public input on the Merian Gold Project. The series of open public consultations meetings will take place in Paramaribo, Moengo and Langa Tabiki between 11th and 14th June 2012.

Surgold commissioned Environmental Resources Management (ERM), an international environmental consultancy, to complete an independent study of the environmental and social impacts of the proposed mining project. The Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA), carried out by ERM, has identified the potential impacts of the project and defined mitigation measures to address them. ERM has designed these measures to maximise positive impacts from the project, while reducing or avoiding potential negative impacts.

“Before this project can proceed, we must first gather input from the public about potential benefits and impacts”. “The public’s input is vital to helping shape the proposed project so we may anticipate and address community needs and concerns.” Surgold Manager’s comment.

The public consultation meetings are a key element for the finalisation of the ESIA process. The public will be provided information about the project and its potential impacts and are invited to ask questions and express their views at the meetings. The final ESIA report will be submitted to the Surinamese National Institute for Environment and Development (NIMOS) for approval and will be made available for the public to also review.

Maps, informational brochures and a summary of the findings from the impact assessment will be available for review. Representatives of both Surgold and ERM will be present at the meetings to gather input and answer questions about the proposed project.

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